

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 6-31 and 33 as set forth below. Please cancel Claim 32.

1. (Original) A seating unit (1) for a vehicle, the seating unit comprising a pair of seats (2a, 2b) facing in opposite directions with each seat (2a; 2b) comprising a seating space (Xa; Xb) for receiving the seated body of an occupant and an extension space (Ya; Yb) in which the legs of an occupant may be placed, the seats being positioned each side of a longitudinal axis (B - B) of the seating unit (1) with the seating space of one (Xa; Xb) extending over the longitudinal axis (B - B) at the extension space (Yb; Ya) of the other; characterised in that either of said seats (2a; 2b) has a seat axis substantially parallel to said longitudinal axis (B - B).
2. (Original) A seating unit according to claim 1, wherein the pair of seats (2a, 2b) is arranged so that one of the seats (2a) will face substantially forward when fitted in a vehicle and the other of the seats (2b) will face substantially aft.
3. (Original) A seating unit according to claim 1, wherein each of the seats (2a, 2b) includes an arm rest (10a) , with the arm rest of one of the seats (2a) arranged along a common axis with the arm rest of the other seat (2b).
4. (Original) A seating unit according to claim 3, wherein the common axis is substantially coincident with the longitudinal axis (B - B) of the seating unit (1).

5. (Original) A seating unit according to any of claims 1 to 4, wherein the pair of seats (2a, 2b) are contained within a housing or each seat is contained within a respective housing (16, 6), the housing or housings bounding the seating spaces (Xa, Xb) and the extension spaces (Ya, Yb), and forming a wall (16a, 6a) between the seats (2a, 2b), which wall is offset with respect to the longitudinal axis (B - B) of the seating unit (1).

6. (Currently Amended) A seating unit (1) according to [any preceding claim] any one of claims 1 to 4, in which each of the seats (2a; 2b) comprises a back portion (7) and a seating portion (8; 70) and wherein the seating portion of each seat is movable to allow the back portion of each seat to be reclined.

7. (Currently Amended) A seating unit (1) according to claim 6, further comprising [an extension] a secondary unit (5; 50; 60; 74; 80) in each of the extension spaces (Ya; Yb) positioned to face the respective seat (2a; 2b).

8. (Currently Amended) A seating unit (1) according to claim 7, wherein the seating portion (8) of each seat (2a; 2b) is movable to a fully extended position to allow the back portion (7; 70) to recline to a fully reclined position so that together the [extension] secondary unit (5; 50; 60; 74; 80), the seating portion (8) and the back portion (7; 70) form a flat surface.

9. (Currently Amended) A seating unit (1) according to [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the seating unit is for an aircraft.

10. (Currently Amended) A seating unit as claimed in claim 5, wherein [A pair of seats, one for facing forward and the other for facing aft when fitted in an aircraft, each seat defining a major occupancy area and a minor occupancy area extending away from the major occupancy area along a seat axis and comprising a wall to one side of the major occupancy area,] the seats [being] (2a, 2b) are positioned adjacent to each other such that the [walls of the seats share a common axis offset with respect to the seat axes to define a major occupancy area] seating space (Xa, Xb) in one of the seats [which] is larger than the [minor occupancy area] extension space (Ya, Yb) in the other of the seats.

11. (Currently Amended) A seating unit as claimed in claim 6, wherein the seating unit is for an aircraft and the back portion (7; 70) and seating portion (8) are movable [A seat for use in an aircraft cabin, the seat comprising a back pan and a seat pan operable] together to a plurality of different positions including a take-off position at which the [seat pan] seating portion is inclined to the floor of the cabin to compensate for the take off angle of the aircraft.

12. (Currently Amended) A [seat] seating unit according to claim 11, wherein the seat is for facing aft when fitted in an aircraft cabin.

13. (Currently Amended) [An aircraft seat according to claim 11 or 12] A seating unit as claimed in claim 11 , wherein the seating unit is drivable between a plurality of different positions, [modes] including [a] said take-off [mode] position in which the seating portion (8) is inclined to the floor of the cabin to compensate for the take-off angle of the

aircraft [seat pan is in the take-off position] and in which the back portion (7; 70) is partially reclined, the take off position [mode] being between a fully reclined mode in which the back portion [pan] is fully reclined and a fully upright mode in which the back portion is fully upright.

14. (Currently Amended) A seating unit [seat] according to claim [11, 12 or] 13, wherein the [seat pan] seating portion (8) is less inclined to the horizontal when the [seat] seating unit is in the fully upright mode than when the [seat] seating unit is in the take-off [mode] position.

15. (Currently Amended) A seating unit as claimed in claim 1, further [An aircraft seat as claimed in any of claims 11 to 14,] comprising latching means for latching the seating unit in position in] the take off [mode] position during take-off.

16. (Currently Amended) A seating unit as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a secondary unit (5; 50; 60; 74; 80) [A secondary unit for use in an aircraft cabin with an aircraft seat], the secondary unit comprising:

a pad (51; 72) mounted on an elongate support (52; 78; 81; 82), the support being of variable height, whereby the elevation of the pad above [the cabin] a floor of the aircraft can be altered.

17. (Currently Amended) A [secondary] seating unit according to claim 16, wherein the pad (51; 72) is supported for rotation in a plane substantially parallel to that of the [cabin] floor of the aircraft.

18. (Currently Amended) A [secondary] seating unit according to claim 16 [or claim 17], wherein the pad (51) is mounted to the support (52; 78; 81; 82) for pivotable movement about an axis substantially perpendicular to the support between a deployed position and a latched position.

19. (Currently Amended) A [secondary] seating unit according to claim 18, wherein the pad (51; 72) in the deployed position is substantially parallel to the [cabin] aircraft floor and in the latched position is substantially perpendicular to the [cabin] aircraft floor.

20. (Currently Amended) A [secondary] seating unit as claimed in [any of claims 16 to 19] claim 16, wherein the support (52; 78; 81; 82) comprises means arranged to lower the pad when a load in excess of a predetermined maximum is applied to the secondary unit.

21. (Currently Amended) A seating unit as claimed in claim 16, wherein the secondary unit (5; 50; 60; 74; 80) faces one of the seats (2a, 2b). [An aircraft seating unit comprising:

a reclinable primary seat; and

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a secondary unit as claimed in any of claims 16 to 20 facing the reclinable primary seat.]

22. (Currently Amended) [An aircraft] A seating unit as claimed in claim 21, wherein the [primary] seat (2a, 2b) is reclinable to a position in which the [primary] seat and secondary unit (5; 50; 60; 74; 80) co-operate to form a flat surface.

23. (Currently Amended) A seating unit as claimed in claim 21, wherein the [for an aircraft cabin, the unit comprising[;]:

a] seat (2a, 2b) is movable between a retracted position and an extended position[;] and the secondary unit (74)

[a footrest that] is movable into and out of alignment with the seat[;] and further comprising a [footrest] secondary unit actuator (73) arranged to move the [footrest] secondary unit into alignment with the seat, when the seat is moved towards the extended position.

24. (Currently Amended) A seating unit according to claim 23, wherein the [footrest] secondary unit actuator comprises a projection (73) that extends forwardly from the seat (2a, 2b) which projection contacts the [footrest] secondary unit when the seat is moved towards the extended position.

25. (Currently Amended) A seating unit according to claim 24, wherein the seating unit comprises a carriage (71) for moving the seat (2a, 2b) and where the projection (73) extends forwardly from the carriage.

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26. (Currently Amended) A seating unit according to claim 25, wherein the seating unit comprises tracks (72a, 72b) mountable to [a cabin] an aircraft floor for the carriage to move along to move the seat, with the projection (73) extending from the carriage along one of the tracks.

27. (Currently Amended) A seating unit according to [any of claims 23 to 26] claim 23, wherein the [footrest] secondary unit comprises a base (77) mountable to [a cabin] an aircraft floor for rotation in the plane of the [cabin] aircraft floor and wherein the [projection] secondary unit actuator (73) is arranged to contact the base (77) [of the footrest] to rotate the [footrest] secondary unit into alignment when the seat (2a, 2b) is moving towards the extended position.

28. (Currently Amended) A seating unit according to [any of claims 23 to 27] claim 23, wherein the seat comprises a reclinable back portion (70) and a seat portion (8) and when the seat is in the extended position the back portion, seat portion and the [footrest] secondary unit together form a substantially flat surface.

29. (Currently Amended) [An in-flight entertainment unit comprising:] A seating unit as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the seats (2a, 2b) are each provided with an in-flight entertainment unit (15a, 15b comprising):

a housing (20); and

a monitor (21) supported on the housing (20) by a support arm (21a), the support arm being rotatable about the housing to move the monitor between a stored position and

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a viewing position and the monitor being rotatable about the support arm to vary a viewing angle when in the viewing position.

30. (Currently Amended) [An in-flight entertainment] A seating unit according to claim 29, further comprising a cocktail table (24) mounted on the housing (20) and movable between deployed and undeployed positions.

31. (Currently Amended) [An in-flight entertainment] A seating unit according to claim 29 [or 30], further comprising one or more of a computer power point (23), an audio output jack (22) and a condition indicator.

32. (Currently Cancelled) An in-flight entertainment unit comprising in a self-contained unit which facilitates maintenance of the unit two or more of the following, namely:

- a monitor;
- a computer power point;
- a cocktail table;
- a condition indicator; or
- an audio output jack.

33. (Currently Amended) [An entertainment unit in combination with a seating unit as claimed in any of claims 1 to 9] A seating unit as claimed in claim 29, wherein the entertainment unit (15a, 15b) for one seat (2a, 2b) is mounted in a housing (20) associated with the other seat (2a, 2b).